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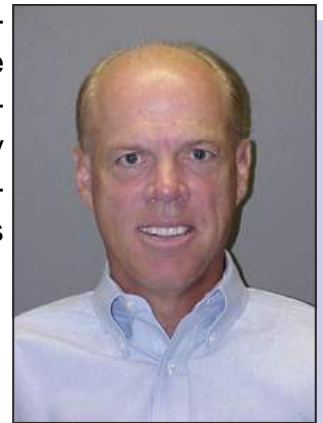
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# NEW DIRECTOR WILL BE AN ACTIVE LEADER

New Corrections Director Richard M. McKeon has already rolled up his sleeves and gotten to work. He spent this week meeting with staff and reviewing operations within the Department. McKeon, appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to serve until a search for a permanent director is named, will lead the Department as this year's budget process begins.



*Director McKeon*

# BARNES TO HEAD PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP



*Jeff Barnes*

Governor Rick Snyder announced that Jeff Barnes, who currently serves as Snyder's deputy chief of staff, will take on the additional responsibility of coordinating the departments of Corrections, State Police and Military and Veterans affairs as the new public safety group executive.

Barnes is a highly-decorated 10-year army veteran who served two tours in Iraq, a tour in the Balkans when it was a combat zone and a tour in Korea. For his service, he earned two Bronze Stars (including one with the "Valor" distinction), a Meritorious Service Medal and a Combat Action Badge. He also received the order of St. George.

"Ensuring the public's safety is one of the most basic and essential of all government responsibilities," Snyder said. "Jeff's incredible experience managing large organizations in stressful situations gives me every confidence that he will rise to the challenge of using taxpayer resources more efficiently to make sure residents are secure and those who provide that security are also protected."

As a troop commander, Barnes was responsible for the training, development

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and welfare of 358 soldiers and their families. He managed 16 platoons and sections and \$140 million worth of equipment. Barnes oversaw logistical support for more than 700 soldiers while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2003, Barnes' squadron was the lead unit of the U.S. Armed Forces from Kuwait to Baghdad and conducted operations in Baghdad, Balad and Fallujah. Later, Barnes' unit provided humanitarian relief and medical support to more than 2,500 Iraqi children and adults in an effort to build community relations.

Following his service in the military, Barnes earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. While pursuing his degree, he served as an intern in the White House under former President George W. Bush in the USA Freedom Corp program. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. Most recently, he served as policy director and then campaign manager on Snyder's gubernatorial campaign.

## **FIELD REPORT: RETIREMENTS AND ACTING POSITIONS**

A number of the critical positions in the Field Operations Administration (FOA) were vacated due to retirements. In order to carry on the operations of this organization, it is necessary to temporarily fill these and subsequent vacancies with temporary appointments until the positions can be filled permanently. These assignments became effective January 1, 2011 until further notice:

### **Outstate Region**

- Acting Regional Administrator: Laura Young
- Acting Deputy Regional Administrator: Denise Allsberry
- Acting Deputy Regional Administrator: James Blakley
- Acting Muskegon Area Manager: Doug Kamphuis
- Acting Flint Area Manager: Kim Eisenbeis
- Acting Grand Rapids Area Manager: Omar Alston
- Acting Gaylord Area Manager: Russ Cilibrise
- Acting PV Specialist: Amy Bonito

### **Metropolitan Region**

- Regional Administrator: Michael Alexander
- Acting Deputy Regional Administrator: Beverly Smith
- Acting Lawton Area Manager: Sherri Williams

### **Office of Parole and Probation Services**

- Acting Administrator: Deborah Quinlan

# STAFF GENEROSITY HELPS THOSE IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) has proven to be very generous again in 2010. Employees throughout the Department stepped up in a variety of ways throughout virtually every region, office and worksite in the state.

- St. Louis Correctional Facility made a sizable donation in support of Toys-for-Tots. The facility held special casual days in October where a monetary donation or the donation of a new unwrapped toy allowed employees to wear casual dress. In addition to all of the toys donated, the facility also raised \$802 that was used during a Toys-for-Tots shopping spree.



- The Jeff White Sr. Class 2011 collected over \$250 in donations to help make the holidays special for the Peckham Industries custodial staff who serve at the Michigan State Police Academy supporting MDOC Officer Recruit Training operations. Officer recruits made these donations before receiving their first paycheck, making the gesture of goodwill even more notable. The Peckham staff re-

ceived nearly \$100 each for the holidays as a result of the donations by MDOC and MSP employees at the academy.



- Baraga Maximum Correctional Facility collected over \$1,900 for the local Toys-for-Tots campaign. The donations purchased gifts and filled wish lists for 38 area children in need.



- Newberry Correctional Facility employees stepped up again in 2011 to help those in need. Staff provided presents to 25 local children and five senior citizens through the Giving Tree program. More than 25 additional presents were also purchased for a local

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charity. One employee provided candy for all the children, while several others volunteered to personally deliver the gifts.



- Marquette Branch Prison's MPRI In-Reach Facility made three families very happy during the Christmas holiday. MBP in collaboration with Michigan Works, Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Marquette Parole/Probation, and numerous Transition Team members pulled together to adopt three families over Christmas. Gifts came from every direction and made the families wishes come true. Despite tough economic times during this season, staff were dedicated to make sure Santa visited these families as well. Marquette Branch Prison staff with the collaborative effort from outside agencies should be very proud of themselves!



- Mound Correctional Facility (NRF) participated in the Holiday Adopt-a-Family project during the holidays. The spirit of giving never runs out with the staff at NRF. Despite the difficult economics times they once again opened their hearts and pocketbooks to help those less fortunate. Facility staff raised \$3,000 to purchase toys and clothing for 25 needy families from a list provided by the Detroit Healthy Start Program.



Efforts like these go on each holiday season in virtually every facility and worksite in the Department. The employees of the Michigan Department of Corrections have a long and proud tradition of stepping up to give to those who are in need. Especially in difficult times like these, employees help make the difference in the lives of so many in local communities who would otherwise go without. Great job again this season to everyone throughout the MDOC who gave a little extra to make their neighbor's holiday season more special.



## CLIFFORD LAKE POLAR PLUNGE IS CENTRAL FOCUS OF THREE-DAY EVENT

Special Olympics Michigan and the Clifford Lake Inn have teamed up for a great winter carnival with a focus on the polar plunge. The three-day event will draw many people and will help enhance participation and support of the Clifford Lake Polar Plunge.

This year the polar plunge has turned in to a three-day Winter Carnival with events like cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, chili cook-off, Texas Hold'em, fireworks, ice skating, putt-putt golf on the lake, music, the polar plunge and more. All the proceeds are still going to the Law Enforcement Torch Run's effort for Special Olympics Michigan. Please help the Department promote this worthy cause by coming to the Clifford Lake Winter Carnival and Polar Plunge February 11-13, 2011. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cliffordlakeinn.net/Winterflyer.pdf>.

Law Enforcement Torch Run  
**POLAR PLUNGE**



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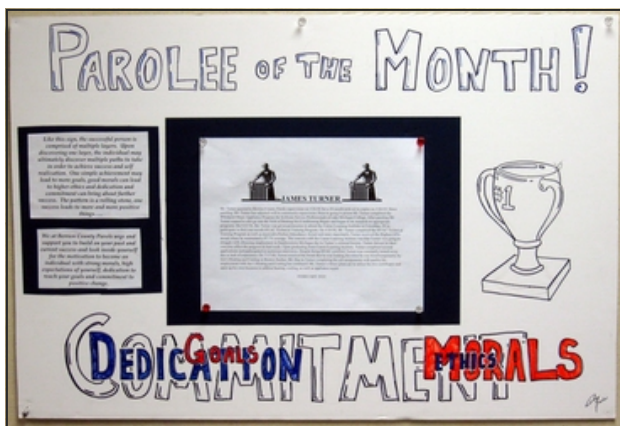
## PAROLE OFFICE RECOGNIZES PAROLEE SUCCESS

The Berrien County Parole Office has been recognizing a "Parolee of the Month" for over two years now. The concept was first proposed by Parole Agent Eleanor Marquis, who wanted to provide an incentive and recognition for parolees who exhibited outstanding behavior.

The agents nominate parolees during their monthly staff meeting by summarizing the parolee's progress. Staff then vote to choose one parolee. Agent Marquis was quick to note that the parolee chosen is not always one without violations or difficulty on parole but rather often someone who has exhibited a significant positive change in behavior or compliance.

The "Parolee of the Month" is honored with a summary of their achievements on the board along with their picture. Also, they are given a certificate and a \$10.00 gift card to recognize their success. This is a unique way to recognize offender success.

This type of positive reinforcement is a simple way to reward behaviors that lead to success while providing the encouragement that has often been lacking in the parolee's life.



## HELPING OUT IS FOR THE BIRDS



The day before Thanksgiving, Central Office employee Ann Mandrick noticed a pigeon who had flown into a 5th floor ledge of Grandview Plaza and had been sitting in the cold for several days injured in the front flower bed. Ann called Wildside Rehabilitation and Education Center in Eaton Rapids who specialize in rehabilitating injured and/or orphaned wild animals. They said if someone brought the pigeon to them, they would do what they could to save it.

With a little help from Brenda Forrest, they apprehended the subject, placed him in a temporary cell (a paper box filled with shredded paper) and transported him secured in the back seat of the vehicle. Ann and Brenda were glad to see the pigeon was off the mean streets before he became a Thanksgiving meal for the resident hawk or falcon.

Here's a report from the Executive Director of Wildside on the pigeon's health status:

*He had a torn crop, so we cleaned it, removed all of the nasty, fermented food and glued it with surgical glue. He's as good as new! He is still with us as it is so nasty outside that I won't let him go until early spring. He will go to a barn where he is fed, watered and has a place to live if he chooses to stay there.*

If you would like to help out the non-profit organization "Wildside," they can be contacted for donations at:

Wildside Rehabilitation and Education Center  
8601 Houston Road  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827  
Phone: 517-663-6153  
Fax: 517-663-0449  
Email: LSagaert@aol.com  
[www.wildsiderehabilitationcenter.org](http://www.wildsiderehabilitationcenter.org)



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## RIDE RAISES FUNDS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

This past summer, Char Prochazka rode her horse across Michigan from shore to shore, riding 250 miles from Oscoda to Empire. It is an annual ride supported by the Michigan Trail Riders Association where members with a qualifying horse, can participate. It was a 10-day trip, and participants covered between 20 and 30 miles per day. Of the 160 participants, 91 completed the ride. Ingham County Probation and GVP staff donated \$.10 cents per mile helping Prochazka raise \$448 for Broken Road Rescue Shelter in Bath, MI. The shelter takes in unwanted and abused horses, cats and dogs.

